



Speak Up, Epping! Newsletter

Volume 6, Issue 2

Epping, New Hampshire

March, April '13

About this Newsletter

This Newsletter is produced by the Speak Up, Epping! Communications Group. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information about upcoming events and pertinent information from community organizations. Please note that no editorial, political or religious views will be accepted and the Communications Group reserves the right to edit submissions. If you would like to submit material for and/or receive this newsletter electronically, please visit our website at www.SpeakUpEpping.org.

Check Out Our Newsletter Website

Be sure and check out our Speak Up, Epping! website: www.speakupepping.org. Each new issue of the Newsletter will be available by downloading it from the website. You can also access news from the issue separately by topic and find late breaking news, past Newsletters, town links and calendars.

Check out our **Facebook** page! Join us for more late-breaking news and events that did not make our Newsletter deadline. You can connect with us and with other local friends, services, businesses and organizations.

Remember to Vote on March 12th!

Remember to vote on March 12th. Polls are open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Middle School Gym.

The following candidates have registered for Town and School offices:

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 3

Jared Mallett

Mary S. Cloutier

Donald MacLaren

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 1 year

Vote for not more than 1

Heather Clark

CEMETERY TRUSTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

David Reinhold

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 2

Paul Miliotis

PLANNING BOARD - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Paul Spidle

David Crowell

Jane Kelly

SELECTMEN - 3 years

Vote for not more than 2

Matthew Killen

Thomas M. Dwyer, Jr.

Dianne Gilbert

Robert A. Jordan

TAX COLLECTOR – 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Erika Robinson

Grace Lavoie

Robin A. O'Day

TOWN CLERK - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Erika Robinson

Grace Lavoie

TRUST FUND TRUSTEE - 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Joe Denoncour

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONER – 3 years

Vote for not more than 1

Michael King

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 3 years

Vote for not more than 2

Mark Vallone

Joseph (Joe) Bodge

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – 3 years

Vote for not more than 2

Susan H. Kimball

David Mylott

Robin A. O'Day

Chris Sousa

Karen Sott Falcone

Dianne Gilbert

Jeffrey Harris

The Pease Greeters Need Our Help!

The Pease Greeters, hundreds of volunteers, meet our Armed Forces any time of day or night, as they pass through Pease International Airport on their way to a war zone or on their way home. For eight years, Greeters have welcomed service members on every flight with a warm meal and beverage, small gifts, a cell phone to call home and a hearty round of applause. Recently, the number of flights through Pease has increased and the Pease Greeters are in need of **monetary help**. We need to support our service men and women any way we can. If you can give any amount, please make a check payable to Pease Greeters and send or drop it off to Joyce at the Town Hall.



Epping Lions Club

"We Serve"

Lions International is an international organization, primarily focused on serving the visually impaired through fundraising.

We are pleased to announce that we have received a grant from the Walmart Foundation through the Local Community Contribution Program in the amount of \$1,000! Thank you to Walmart for the recognition of the community service we provide. We will put the additional funds to good use in support of our local community.

The Lions continue to support the eyeglass boxes, located at several locations around town, including the Epping Walmart, Checkers Barber Shop and J&C Optical. Drop off your old eyeglasses to help others who need them. We are also looking forward to another round of vision screening in the schools.

Meeting times, posted on our web site, are generally the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Meetings are now held at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125. Check our web site – <http://epping.nhlions.org> – for the schedule of upcoming events. We are always looking for new members interested in fellowship and serving the community.

Pam Tibbetts, *President*

lampreygirl@hotmail.com.....679-5572

Deb Brooks, *Vice President*

lexusreina@comcast.net.....679-5407

Colleen Palmer, *Secretary*

colleenmariepalmers@hotmail.com.....679-3554

Jen Adams, *Treasurer*

jenadams24@comcast.net.....679-8927

Senior Moments

The Epping Watson Academy Senior Citizens are enjoying the friendly hospitality of the Epping Fire Department. We now invade their territory once a month for our meetings and find it very comfortable. I guess we are now the grandparent houseguests who are going to be staying for a while. This time together gives us a chance to participate in the community events the Fire Department plans to host this year. We are eager to help and kind of enjoy the back seat for a change. Of course, being senior citizens, we can do a lot from there. So watch for some information from the Fire Department about the festivities coming up.

We recently toured the E-911 Headquarters in Concord. We were proud to see such an outstanding operation that really protects us so well. All senior citizens should know that 911 is always available to them, even when experiencing simple things, such as a flat tire. They understand senior citizens are a special group and probably their most frequent callers. They offer helpful suggestions such as installing blinking outside lights at your front door during an emergency. If there are senior citizens who do not know about this helpful feature, just call the Fire Department or us for more information.

Another fun trip was to the Candy Factory in Laconia. Now that looked a lot like the pathway to heaven to us. Has anyone else seen ribbon candy being made? Of course, there was only one way to determine if their candy was special - samples. They were right - their candy is very special.

Of course, we are all Irish in March, right? So a day trip to the Beacon Resort for an Irish festival was one our favorite excursions. Good music, good food, good friends and good time.

Ms. Kathrine Williams will meet with us in March to go over any new and important legal issues that pertain to senior citizens. Knowledge and proper planning can make our children very happy.

Mr. Henry DeBour, chairman of the Water & Sewer Department, was our speaker at the February meeting. We wanted to understand the importance of the Water Article #6 that will be voted on in March. His explanation was well presented and now we know we can vote wisely at the polls on March 12th. Thank you, Henry.

One of our planned trips in the next few months will be a trip back to the Alpaca farm in Strafford,

just in time to feed and pat the newborns. Another trip will be to the Fish Hatchery in Nashua to see their newborns as well. Feeding maybe, but no patting this time.

We welcomed a new member, Mr. Joe Gorman, to the Club. All seniors 55 and over are welcome to join us. We meet the second Thursday of each month at the Epping Fire Department beginning at 1:00 pm. We like to take trips often and our programs are always interesting. The company isn't bad either. Please check us out. We can be reached at 679-3797 (President) and 679-8677 (Secretary). Remember - we senior citizens are just happy to still be on the green side of the grass.

By the way, one of our members worked in the Town Hall for 30 years but does not recall ever hearing any signs of ghosts in the building. The bats were friendly though. .

Just a short quote this time: " IT'S NICE TO BE IMPORTANT--- BUT IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO BE NICE."

Submitted by Irene R. Cote



TALES FROM EPPING'S PAST

Resting In Peace

Epping's first minister Robert Cutler, who died in 1786, was buried in Greenwich, Massachusetts, one of four towns now sitting on the bottom of the Quabbin reservoir. In the 1930's, he and his family along with thousands of others were all moved to higher ground before the area was flooded over to secure more water for the city of Boston.

We also have cases here in Epping where all or part of a cemetery was relocated to a larger, perhaps safer spot in town, or just taken out of town altogether. For example, members of our French family now rest in peace in Exeter, as do most members of our Drake family in Pittsfield, NH, where the Drake name is honored and their ties to Epping well known.

Only two stones remain in the original Drake family cemetery, set in a field off Nottingham Square Road. They are of Revolutionary soldier Simon Drake, described as a peaceful inoffensive man, and his easy-going wife Judith, the busy parents of ten children. They rest in the land deeded to Simon in 1752, when he and Judith came to Epping, a place described as then being a

settlement in the wilderness where "The first framed house had been built only two years before." Also, it was a time when everyone was on Indian alert after some other settlers had been massacred about two miles from the Drake farm. In his later years, as his father had done for him, Simon deeded the farm to one of his sons and the place remained in the family for generations.

Simon Drake was born into an old respected Hampton family in 1730, the same year the first white child was born in Epping to unmarried parents, eleven years before we became a town. She was named Anna Sinkler and was later described as a fretful and irritable woman who never married and who, when no longer able to work, found herself supported by the town as a pauper. Back then, our poor and needy persons were simply auctioned off at public meetings with the town accepting the lowest bid offered by anyone willing to provide them with room and board for a year. At one such meeting, Anna was bid on and "sold" for \$3.95, which might have made her even more fretful and irritable than she already was. Anna Sinkler died here in 1814, at about the same age as was Judith Drake when she died. But unlike the easy going and contented Mrs. Drake, Anna lies buried in an unmarked and unknown place and hopefully has found peace at last wherever she rests

This is the sixteenth in a series of articles.

Text/Research: Madelyn Williamson

Epping Historical Society

In February, the Epping Historical Society Board members reviewed three designs for a new entryway for the Water Street building. They selected one design and the UNH civil engineering students developing the plans are now hard at work creating construction documents. Pending the acquisition of building permits, construction of the new building entrance is scheduled for **April 6-7**.

The new handicapped-accessible entrance will be ready for the next Society program on **April 25th**, a living history appearance by Mary Todd Lincoln. The program, sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, features Sally Mummey who portrays the wife of 16th President Abraham Lincoln in a presentation that shares stories of the couple's life together. The program starts at 7:00 pm. The Society expects to present additional programs in May and June.

Later this spring, the Society will acquire a cabinet in which to store its oversize maps and

drawings, thanks to a community grant from the Walmart Foundation.

In January, the Society began offering engraved brick pavers to the community, and several families have already purchased one or more. You can purchase a brick with up to three lines of text and keep it as a family treasure, or install it in the walkway that will lead to the new building entrance. Visit the Society to obtain an order form, or visit www.EppingHistory.org to download a form.

Visit the Society on Monday between 9:00 and 12:00, or call 679-2944 to set up an off-hours appointment. The Society Board thanks you for your support of the Society's efforts to tell the stories of Epping's past.

From the Library Trustees

The Trustees of the Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library encourage all Epping residents to vote during the second session of the 2013 Epping Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. The polls open at 8:00 am and remain open until 7:00 pm that evening. On-site childcare will be available.

Voting gives you the opportunity to choose to replace our existing 50-year old library with a new facility that can serve our community for the next 50 years. Building a new library will enhance Epping's economy not only by creating construction jobs, but by providing expanded job search and training opportunities. It will also enable expanded early literacy programs to give our children a better chance at success in school. Finally, it will provide resources to local businesses that will enable them to grow and provide new jobs for local residents.

A new library will enhance the center of Epping and provide a new 110-person community meeting space. It will make Epping proud.

For additional information about the proposed new Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library, visit the current library at 151 Main Street in Epping or make an online visit to www.eppinglibrary.com.

Submitted by Michael Vose, Library Trustee

Lamprey River Advisory Committee

Submitted by Suzanne Petersen

2013 Lamprey Rivers Management Plan

The original Lamprey River Management Plan was written in 1995 and was an ambitious undertaking. In 2007, a revision was completed and has served as the guiding document for LRAC activities. With the addition of ten new towns represented in LRAC, the need for another revision was clear. The committee is hard at work adding

new projects, adjusting focus areas, and seeing an even bigger picture that covers the 212 square miles that comprise the Lamprey River drainage area.

New Hampshire RSA 483, which created the Rivers Management and Protection Program, lists the creation of a management plan as one of the duties of a local river advisory committee such as LRAC. The committee is making good progress and a draft version will be available for review shortly at www.lampreyriver.org as well as at the town halls for the fourteen towns. Please forward comments or suggestions to Mike Russo, LRAC chair, at M.Russo@dover.k12.nh.us, or to Sharon Meeker, outreach chair, at s-meeker@comcast.net or call her at 659-5441.

2012 Small Grants Wrap-up

Three Small Grants were selected for funding in 2012. These grants were offered through the Small Grants Program managed by the Outreach Sub-committee. Grantees summarized their projects and turned in their final reports to the Wild and Scenic Sub-committee at the February meeting.

Dawn Genes of the Lamprey River Watershed Association described her work to create a working, up-to-date database of the 38 dams in the lower watershed. For each dam listed by the NH Dam Bureau, she took photos, evaluated the site for evidence of damming and potential obstruction of fish passage, and documented the potential for removal or alteration. Of the dams she studied, only two had the potential for improving fish passage: Wadleigh Falls in Lee and the Piscassic Dam in Newmarket. Both dams prevent fish passage, but could be modified with natural stone placement to allow better passage. Most dams were not found to block fish passage. Other dams were not good candidates for additional effort because they were blown out or were associated with dug ponds or access roads to private houses. Culverts and road crossings were found to be more of a problem to fish passage than were dams.

Nicole Bizzaro and Kim Milliken of Epping Recreation described their project to develop a master plan for Mary Blair Park. The park currently is primarily used for youth baseball. The work the grantees undertook resulted in several GIS maps of the park, including soils and natural features. They created a framework for a natural playground and educational opportunities that would help teach children about the natural assets of the park and the river. In the process of developing the plan, several Epping partners got involved. The

conservation commission discovered that cars were being parked on the roots of trees that abut the river, thus posing a potential erosion issue. It was also discovered that lawn clippings were being dumped close to the river. The plan for the park has taken these facts into consideration and the whole community will benefit from the collaborative nature of the planning process.

Michael Vose of the Epping Historical Society used his Small Grant to work with professionals to plan a trail highlighting the historic features of Mary Blair Park, associated with the former Folsom Mills and Bunker Pond Dam. In addition he also created a plan for a park-wide trail system that connects nature and history. The trails are mapped and ready for volunteers to begin work.

The Committee thanks the grantees for their creativity and efforts.

2013 Small Grants Program

Do you have a BIG, creative idea for a Small Grant? Proposals for Small Grants up to \$5000 are now being accepted for consideration. Proposals you make must enhance outreach and address needs identified in the Lamprey River Management Plan 2007 Revision which is available at <http://www.lampreyriver.org/about-us-2007-mgmt-plan-revision>.

Details about the Small Grants Programs are available at <http://www.lampreyriver.org/about-us-2013-small-grants-program>. We hope to hear from you soon!

Little Stinkers



Most people recognize the familiar large leaves of skunk cabbage in spring and summer, and some have had the misfortune of having their noses assaulted by the stench of damaged skunk cabbage tissue. These prolific plants provide knee-high ground cover along streams banks, flood plains, and other wet areas.

In late winter and into early spring, well before the plant's leaves cover the ground, skunk cabbage

is literally all fired up to escape the cold grip of winter. What? A plant can have its own furnace?

Skunk cabbage is a rarity in the plant world in that it is thermogenic and actually creates its own heat through the breakdown of certain sugars and amino acids. The pollen-producing stigma of skunk cabbage is not frost-tolerant, so the plant maintains an internal temperature of 68-70° F for about two weeks, even when the air outside is freezing cold. The heat causes snow and ice surrounding the plant to melt away, leaving small, cleared areas with a stiff, hooded plant at the center. Inside the hood sits a flower without petals that smells of carrion. The season's first insects pollinate the plants, converting "death" into life. Once the pollen has been shed, the plant stops producing its own heat.

Skunk cabbage is a long-lived, perennial plant. Some estimates indicate that some individual plants might be up to a hundred years old. Few animals eat the plant. It is not toxic, but it is unpleasant to eat, due to its rank odor and the hot, peppery sensation its calcium oxalate raphide crystals deliver when eaten. In French Canada, the plant is called *tabac du diable* ("devil's tobacco") or *chou puant* ("stinking cabbage"). No matter what it is called, this plant is not a typical flower, but it is an easily recognized plant of the Lamprey River's landscape.

The Civil War Roundtable of NH

Meeting Schedule 2013

On **March 15th** (3rd Friday) Catherine Wright (Museum of the Confederacy) will present "Lee's Last Casualty: The Life and Letters of Sgt. Robert W. Parker, 2nd Virginia Cavalry"

On **April 19th** (3rd Friday) Author/Historian Kevin Levin will present "The Crater" (his new book!)

On **May 17th** (3rd Friday) Dr. Bruce Heald will present "New Hampshire and the Civil war – Voices from the Granite State" (new book!)

On **June 21st** (3rd Friday) Ray Cresswell will present "Guns of Amoskeag"

July/August – no meeting

To all those interested, we of the CWRTNH would enjoy your presence and also your membership in our group. Bring your self, family and friends. We welcome all new enlistees (er members).

As a new recruit (er member) you would be part of a 20+ year-old Roundtable. We have hosted many well-known names who have written and spoken of the Civil War, not to mention some of our

own illustrious members who have shared their knowledge.

So if you're free on a Friday night, come down to the Town Hall at 7:15 pm and take your oath (er I mean join as a member). Learn about the Civil War and in particular the role of Epping and other towns in New Hampshire who took part in this conflict.

Check our website: <http://www.cwrt-nh.org> to check our schedule and find out more about the CWRT-NH.

Thank you for your interest in advance.

Submitted by Dan Bennis



Epping Garden Club

If you're interested in gardening or in the town, please come join us. We're always looking for new members to help beautify our town in any way we can. We are on FACEBOOK. Come by and "LIKE" us! Look for announcements or late-breaking news about the Garden Club on our Facebook page, on Speak Up, Epping's Facebook page or on Channel 22. If you'd like to help or you'd like to join us, please call Eunice at 300-0064 or contact us at eppinggardenclub@gmail.com.

We will be holding a Plant/Yard Sale on **May 4th** and are still finalizing the location. This year, we will NOT be at the Memorial Day parade. We will be happy to accept any donations for our sale - any extra plants from your garden or any item you can part with at home that will help us at our sale. We had wonderful turnouts at our Yard and Plant sales last year and we want to thank all of you who came out to them. We don't charge dues in the Garden Club so this is the way we earn money to buy the plants we plant around town or the wreaths and lights for decorating the Town Hall.

We are hoping that some of our wonderful businesses here in town will donate a gift certificate to their place of business. We'd like to sell raffle tickets and give these out as prizes. A small \$10 or \$20 gift certificate would go a long way toward raising money for plantings throughout our town to make a real difference in it's appearance. If you are an owner or manager and would like to help us, and your business as well, please contact us at 300-0064 or at eppinggardenclub@gmail.com.

We are working on other fundraising ideas for the Epping Garden Club. Please drop us a note if you have an idea or can help with our efforts.

Submitted by Eunice Miller



Leddy Center

The Leddy Center's 2013 season has been announced. The first production will be "The Man Who Came to Dinner" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, on stage from **March 15th to 24th**. This production will be followed by "Damn Yankees" July 12th to 28th. Mary Gatchell in Concert on October 4th, "Anne of Green Gables" from October 25th to November 10th and "A Christmas Carol" from December 6th to 15th.

Individual tickets are \$18 and \$16, depending on seating, and subscription series are available. The Leddy Center box office is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Visit or call the Leddy Center at 603 679-2781 for ticket information or order tickets online at www.leddycenter.org.



ETV Schedule

Channel 22 – ETV – Schedule – live programs
Monday – Mar. 4 & 18; Apr. 1, 15 & 20 – Selectmen
– 7 pm

Tuesday – Mar. 5, Apr. 2 - Water and Sewer –
7 pm

Tuesday – Mar. 19, Apr. 16 – Library Trustees –
7 pm

Tuesday – Mar 26 – Fire Wards – 7 pm

Tuesday – Candidates Night – 7 pm

Wednesday – Apr. 3 – Recreation

Commission – 7 pm

Wednesday – Mar. 20, Apr. 17 – Budget

Committee – 7 pm

Thursday – Mar. 7 & 21, Apr. 4 & 18 – School
Board – 7 pm

Thursday – Mar. 14, Apr. 18 – Planning Board –
6 pm

Friday – Mar. 15, Apr. 19 – Civil War Round
Table – 7:15 pm

Monday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

Tuesday - 7 am

Wednesday - 11 am

Thursday - 3 pm

Monday - 2 am

Tuesday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting

Wednesday - 7 am

Thursday - 11 am

Monday - 3 pm

Tuesday - 2 am

Wednesday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting
Thursday - 7 am
Monday - 11 am
Tuesday - 3 pm
Wednesday - 2 am

Thursday meetings are rebroadcast:

1/2 hour after meeting
Monday - 7 am
Tuesday - 11 am
Wednesday - 3 pm
Thursday - 2 am

All dates and times are subject to change. Please consult the ETV Bulletin Board or the Town website for any changes or updates.

Always remember that Board meetings are available any time at your convenience by going to <http://etv22@pegcentral.com>. They are usually available the day following their "live" broadcast.

"Live" video streaming is also available. Watch live meetings anywhere while they're broadcast: http://etv22.pegcentral.com/live/live_etv22.html

News From the Town

Upcoming dates:

March 6th – Candidates' night, Town Hall – 7 pm
March 12th – Town Election 8 am – 7 pm EMS gym
March 16th – 5 K EYAA Race
March 20th – Regional Selectmen's Meeting In Kingston – 7 pm
April – New Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office unveiling

Latest News from Brickyard Square

Michael's had their Grand Opening at the Brickyard on February 24th and is now open for business. They are having a week-long celebration with giveaways and special sales.



Scouting Around Epping

Cub Scout Pack 136

Past Events:

Blue and Gold Banquet

Another Successful Blue and Gold! We celebrated Countries Around the World. A HUGE Thank you to Eric Moulton and Peter Gibb for leading the Webelos 2 – Shark Patrol to get their Arrows of Light. Congratulations to Ryan, Tim and Orion. These boys worked hard to earn the coveted Arrow of Light award. Thank you to all the

committee members, den leaders, parent volunteers and members of the community that devote their personal time to make Scouting a success!

Upcoming Events:

March Pack meeting at the EMS café on Wednesday, **March 20th** at 6:30 pm

April Pack meeting at the EMS café on Wednesday, **April 17th** at 6:30 pm

GENTLEMEN...GET READY...SET.....RACE!!!!
PINEWOOD DERBY is coming! Saturday. March 16th at 9:00 am at the Epping Elementary School Gymnasium

The boys have been working hard on making their Derby vehicles...It is always a great time to see the boys go head to head!

Spring Campout: Come join the family camping fun with the Pack 136 Spring Campout at Camp Carpenter. Dates are **April 20th - 21st**.

Other ways to help the Scouts: Empties4cash fundraising program:

We are collecting unwanted or used inkjet cartridges. We will have collection sites at the Library, the Town Hall and possibly the Community Church. If you have unwanted inkjet cartridges at home that you can donate to the Scouts, please contact Andrea Meyer at her e-mail address at ameyer71@gmail.com.

Interested in Scouting? About Scouting:

Scouting is organized into Dens by age groups: 1st grade, Tiger Cubs; 2nd grade, Wolf; 3rd grade, Bears; 4th grade, 1st year Webelos; and 5th grade, 2nd year Webelos.

The Pack consists of Dens and their families. Pack 136 meets monthly, usually on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Epping Middle School. Pack meetings are filled with fun and they're a way to celebrate Scouting, promote family sense of community and reward the boys for their hard work.

SCOUTING = FUN, Don't miss out!

We are looking forward to lots more fun events. Some examples of things we plan to do this school year are: Family Fun day at a corn maze, Family Bowling night out with the Pack, Attend a Monarchs game, Winter Fun Day at Camp Dion (the Webelos get to do a sleep over!), Blue & Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derby race, Rain Gutter Regatta Race, Sleepover on the SS Salem, see historic Battleships and camp overnight on a real battleship, Fisher Cats game and camping overnight on the field. It's going to be an incredible

year of Scouting. The boys will all be working hard on their badges for the year.

Thank you to the Epping Community for all of your support. The Pack would like to extend a very big thank you to the Epping Bible Baptist Church for their generous assistance in providing a wonderful, handicapped-accessible meeting place for the Bear Den. We would like to thank the Epping School System (SAU 14) for their generous donation of a handicapped-accessible meeting place for our monthly Pack meetings!

If you can't make one of our meetings but would like more information on joining Cub Scouts, please contact our **Cubmaster, Mike Page**, at cubmaster@pack136epping.org. Join us on Facebook and keep track of the Pack <http://m.facebook.com/group.php?gid=199059685109&fbf=r6c4d2187&refid=46> or for even further information on our Pack, please check out our website: <http://www.pack136epping.org/calendar>

Boy Scout Troop 136

The Troop has been spending a great deal of time outdoors. In January, the Troop braved below zero temperatures on the first of two nights at their January Polar Bear Fun Weekend at Camp Bell in Gilmanton. The weekend activities included outdoor cooking, sledding, ice fishing on Manning Lake for Brook Trout, and meeting with Troops from Georgetown, MA.

The Troop also trained and prepared for the annual Klondike Derby held at the old Onway Lake Camp, now Camp Zion, in early February. They were a young group competing for the first time together on such events as outdoor cooking, fire starting, ravine crossing, first aid, and ice rescue. The Troop placed first in the Ravine crossing this year.

Disappointment was the order of the day as Winter Storm Nemo forced the cancellation of the winter Freeze Out weekend. The boys had prepared to construct snow shelters and sleep out overnight, but the high winds and blizzard conditions caused safety concerns and the event was cancelled.

The Scouts continue to earn merit badges and advance in their ranks. Rich Smith recently completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review and is Epping's newest Eagle Scout. You can view the work Rich coordinated on the corner of Mill Street and Water Street at the newly restored Miriam Jackson Park. Rich and his fellow workers restored a small park there for community enjoyment and better river access to the Lamprey River.

The Scouts have planned an exciting new season of activities that include camping, hiking, rafting and so much more. If you know a boy between the ages of 11 and 17 who would benefit from an organization like the Boy Scouts, please contact Les Houston at 679-9595.



Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains

Girl Scout camp is traditional camping at its best, available for ALL girls!

Girls have fun and try new things in a beautiful outdoor setting. Each camp allows girls the opportunity to try traditional camp activities that may include swimming, boating, arts and crafts, ecology, hiking, and cooking out. At Girl Scout camp, girls are involved in creating the camp experience that they want. Girls brainstorm, make decisions and plan with their counselors to create a session of adventure!

Our summer staff includes college students, mothers, teachers and others who enjoy working with children. They all complete an application, references, an interview, and background check before participating in pre-camp training.

DAY CAMP experience is available for Scouts of the Green and White Mountains at:

CAMP SEAWOOD in Portsmouth, NH

Grades K to 8

Monday – Friday 9 am - 4 pm

Session 1: July 8 - 19

Session 1A: July 8 - 12

Session 1B: July 15 - 19

Session 2: July 22 – August 2

Session 2A: July 22 - 26

Session 2B: July 29 – August 2

Day camp cost range: \$180-\$350

Bedazzle Daisies * Pixie Dust * Cookin', Craftin':

Craziness * Silly Science: Sun Catchers *

Treasure Hunters * Art Attack * C.S.I.: Take the

Stage * Team Challenge * Buddyyettes * Spa La

La

For more information about camp visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org



Epping Fire Department

We have a certified instructor in infant seat installation. Please call 679-5546 and make an

appointment to have your infant seat installation inspected.

Explorer Post 716

The Explorers are always looking for new members. Anyone from Epping and neighboring communities ages 14 to 20 is welcome to visit us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Explorers learn how to use the Fire Department equipment and do search and rescue. Once the probationary (learning) period is over, they may assist on fire calls. Explorers are allowed to ride on the apparatus if seats are available and assist firefighters with the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), supervise the rescue truck and perform many other duties at a fire scene.

For more information call Cliff Cray at 396-9436.

Police Explorer Post 714

Youth 14 and older may also join the Police Explorer post by calling 679-5122.

Epping Community Church

You are invited to join us for worship every Sunday morning. You will find Epping Community Church to be a church where the Word of God is proclaimed, the fellowship of God's people is welcoming, and the opportunity to Worship is central to who we are. We seek to follow the Lord's command to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor. We hope to see you soon!

Weekly Schedule for Epping Community Church

Sunday: Choir Practice – 8:00 am; Worship – 9:00 am; Sunday School – 11:00 am

Thursday: Bible Study and Prayer Group – 9:00 am

Friday: Friday Night Pizza Night – 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Saturday: Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Community Cares Food Pantry

Our food pantry served nearly 3400 families and individuals during the 2012 calendar year. We are so appreciative of all who participate in supporting the food pantry through food donations, monetary donations and volunteer time. We are grateful to the partnership of local businesses, St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Epping Schools, Epping Post Office, Boy Scouts and many others who assist in such an important way toward meeting the needs of those facing times of difficulty.

Monthly Third Saturday Dinner

Occurs on the third Saturday of each month from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. We will be having a Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on **March 16th** and a Roast Turkey Dinner with all the fixings on **April 20th**. The cost is \$8 per person, \$4 under 12 and will benefit the Building Fund.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday – March 24th – 9:00 am

Holy Thursday Service – March 28th – 7:00 pm

Easter Service – March 31st – 9:00 am

Building Update

Nearing completion, Phase one of our building program features a new elevator. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the present schedule is slated for the elevator to be in use Easter Sunday. This will facilitate ease of access for those with mobility problems to the second floor where our sanctuary is located.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

208 Pleasant St. (Rte 27)

Epping, NH 03042

Office telephone: 679-8805

March

Adoration on Mondays – noon to 9:00 pm

Women's Reading Group on Mondays – 9:45 am

March 1, 8, 15, 22 – 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross,

March 29 – Stations 3:00 pm

March 1 – Healing Mass – 7:30 pm

March 6, 13, 20, 27 – Confessions – 6:00-6:45 pm

March 7, 14, 21 – Confessions – 8:15 am

March 7, 21 – Mom's Group – 9:30 am

March 16 – Children's Stations

March 18, 19, 20 – Parish Mission – 7:00 pm

Easter Mass Schedule

March 30 – Easter Vigil – 7:30 pm

March 31 – 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

April

Adoration on Mondays – noon to 9:00 pm

Women's Reading Group on Mondays – 9:45 am

April 4, 18 – Mom's Group – 9:30 am

April 5 – Healing Mass – 7:00 pm

If you have any questions, please call the Rectory Office 679-8805 or check our website at <http://stjosepheppingnh.com> for further information on upcoming events.

Epping Bible Baptist Church

Epping Bible Church is a community of Christian believers who seek to grow in maturity and in knowledge of Jesus. We average 125 people on

Sunday mornings and visitors are always welcome to join us. We love to share that Jesus has come that we might have life and have it more abundantly, and are excited to teach how to find that abundant, joyful life!

Our Sunday mornings begin with a full, free breakfast starting at 8:00 am.

Sunday School is offered for all ages beginning at 9:30 am.

Our morning service starts at 10:45 am and is what we call a blended service that contains a mix of both contemporary and traditional elements. Childcare is provided at all of our services by background checked, CPR certified volunteers.

Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm, we have an informal time for fellowship, discussions, questions and sharing.

Small groups exist for men and women who share the desire to gather regularly for mutual Christian growth through loving, learning, serving and reaching others in order to become better disciples of Jesus. They are available at various times throughout the week, including a young adults group, a men's group and a women's group.

We offer Choir for all ages. Practices are held on Sunday evenings.

Prayer meeting meets on Wednesday evenings at the church at 7:00 pm.

AWANA takes place on **Friday** nights for kids age 4 through grade 6.

Faith Bible Institute is a college level Bible course that is held on **Monday** nights at 6:30 pm.

We offer a free food pantry that takes place the second and third **Friday** of each month at 1:00 pm.

Our goal is to serve others in our community and surrounding communities with the love of Christ and to share the Gospel of Jesus death, burial and resurrection with everyone!

Our services can be seen on Sunday mornings on ETV - channel 22, and can also be seen on our website.

Pastor Ron does a devotional online each week, and is always available to serve the needs of our community.

There will be a candlelight service on Christmas Eve from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

For more information, visit www.eppingbible.org

West Epping Quaker Meeting House

Friends (Quakers) have been meeting in Epping since 1772. The present Meeting House was built on Friends Street in 1851 on land given by John Folsom.

We have Meeting for Worship every first and third Sunday at 10:00 am. We meet in silent meditation for an hour. If someone feels moved to share a message they are encouraged to do so. Because our group is small the meeting remains rather silent. We welcome visitors to our meetings to join with us. For those who would enjoy just visiting the Meeting House they may call the Clerk, Fritz Bell, at 244-1119 for a tour.



Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library

Epping's Public Library

151 Main Street, Epping – right next door to Town Hall

Main Desk: 734-4587

Children's Room: 679-5944

Fax: 679-5884

www.eppinglibrary.com

Coming Up in March and April:

For Adults:

Old Time Rules Will Prevail: the Fiddle Contest in New Hampshire and New England On **Thursday, March 28th**, the library will host a program full of traditional fiddle music and New England history. Adam Boyce will play his fiddle and discuss the history of fiddle contests in the Granite State. This program is funded with a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is offered free to the public.

Eclectic Book Group: Meets first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Discussion focuses on a wide variety of books. New members are always welcome

Dusty Old Mystery Book Group: Meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm., focusing on reading (or re-reading) the classic mystery stories.

Epping Knit Night: Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 pm downstairs

Comfy workspace, a mug of hot tea, free internet and the fellowship of other knitters – what more could you want? Bring your own yarn and needles. For more information please contact knitting group coordinator, Marjorie Pim at marjpim@yahoo.com

Programs for Children:

Preschool Story hour: Designed for toddlers and preschoolers, this drop-in program meets three times each week year 'round, providing free play time, songs, stories and related crafts for kids and their caregivers: Wed. at 10:30, Thurs. at 10:30 and 1:30. Monthly schedules are available on our

website and in the children's room.

Pajama Night: 2nd Friday most months at 6:30 pm
Wear your PJs and bring a snack to share to this fun community event for kids ages 2-8 and their families. Crafts, stories and library-wide scavenger hunts alternate with PJ Movie Nights approximately every other month.

March 8th – PJ Movie “Wreck it, Ralph” (rated PG for some rude humor and mild action/violence). Pizza from the Epping Community Church, popcorn and bottled water will be provided by the Friends of the Library. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

April 12th – Story Explorers' Story Play – craft and scavenger hunt to follow.

School Vacation Week Movie Series:

At 1:00 pm each afternoon during April vacation week (**April 22-26**), we will show a children's movie on the big screen. Look for movie schedules in the children's room or on our website to be finalized in early April. If you have a recommendation or request, please let a staff person know.

The library's regular hours are Monday through Friday from 10 am to 8 pm and Saturdays from 10 to 2 pm.

Friends of the Library

This devoted group meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Curious library patrons are encouraged to stop by and find out how they too can help the library by joining the Friends.

Epping Recreation Department News

Home of the "River Otters"

Director: Nicole Bizzaro

Temporary office at Epping Town Hall

Cell Phone: 608-9487

eppingrecreation@gmail.com

Join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Due to structural Issues at Watson Academy, the building will be closed to the public and the Recreation Center is closed and any programs or meetings there are cancelled until further notice. The Before and After School Programs will continue to happen at EES and EMS Cafe as scheduled. Adult Basketball will be run at the EMS Gym and Derry ATA Karate at the EES with no changes. Our Preschool Programs are on hold until we find a new space to run them due to our building issues!

If you have a meeting space scheduled at Watson Academy or need to reach the Department, please contact Nicole, Recreation Director via e-

mail at eppingrecreation@gmail.com or cell at 608-9487. The temporary Rec. Office has been set up on the 2nd floor at the Town Hall. Enter the main door and go up the stairs. There will be registration forms and other information available there. Any program payments can be given to staff at programs or can be mailed to us at 157 Main Street, Epping, NH 03042. Please make checks out to "Town of Epping." We appreciate your patience while we figure out our building issues.

Our Preschool Programs are on hold until we find a new space to run them due to our building issues.

Please follow us on Facebook for latest program updates, changes and announcements.

GRADES K-6 Before and After School Program

6:45 - 8:20 am and 3:00 - 5:45 pm

The Before School Program will be held at the Epping Elementary School Gym

The After School Program meets in the EES Gym, then goes to the EMS Cafe from 3:15 - 4:15 pm, then back to the EES Gym until closing.

We provide a safe, nurturing place for children to attend quality programming beyond the schools' hours of operation. We strive to help youth reach their full potential by allowing them to explore their physical, social and intellectual interests in a safe and fun setting. The culture of our programs emphasizes quality relationships and a healthy respect for individuality. We provide enough structure to keep everyone safe, but we also offer an open atmosphere that allows children to explore their interests in groups or on their own. Please see the Recreation Department website for more information about the River Otter program for grades K-6.

We no longer offer an After School Program for the 8th grade or "Drop In" program. You will need to register for the days you may need in the spring semester. We do offer 8th graders a CIT (Counselor In Training) at our After School Program. Some 7th graders may be considered for CIT, if they have been in our programs prior and the staff feel they would be a good fit for the program. Please contact the Recreation Director for more information at 608-9487.

The 8th – 12th Grade CIT program

The 8th - 12th Grade CIT program is back again this year. 8th to 12th graders who like working with children and want to gain experience can apply to be a Counselor In Training. There are School Year and Summer positions available... and it's a FREE Program.

Adult Programs

Adult Basketball

Want to play some adult basketball? Come join The Epping Recreation Department for some pick up Co-ed basketball in the Epping Middle School Gym Thursday and Sunday nights.

Days / Times: Thursday - 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Sunday - 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Epping Middle School Gym

Cost: \$30 for 10 nights - Please make check out to the "Town of Epping."

Each participant is required to sign a waiver form prior to playing and payment. Waiver forms will be available at the gym. We will have a sign in sheet, to keep track of days used. Once you have used your ten nights, bring in your next payment of \$30 for ten additional nights. You won't be allowed to play if we don't have a signed waiver and payment. The payment covers the cost of the staff to provide this program.

Check our Facebook page for updates on programs, including cancellations. We will also notify you via e-mail of any program changes, so please provide a current e-mail address.

Guitar Lessons

(Please contact Joseph directly about this program, due to the Watson Academy closure.)

For children, teens, and adults alike, taking guitar lessons at Epping Recreation is an enjoyable, affordable, and rewarding experience. Taught by a highly recommended music instructor Joseph K. Murphy, lessons are designed to challenge and educate students while personalizing the curriculum to their musical tastes and needs. Lessons are for ages 8 to adult.

Rates: \$20.00 for ½ hour or \$35.00 for 1 hour.

Contact: Joseph K. Murphy 608-8672

josephkmurphy@gmail.com

<http://rockandrollwithme.wordpress.com/>.

Zumba

The popular dance aerobics class is back in the Epping Recreation Department! Zumba Instructor Cassandra Mullen has started classes again on Thursday night at 7:45 pm in the Epping Middle School Café. Cost: \$35 for 6-week session or \$7 Drop-In

Please visit Cassandra's Facebook page for more class information and to give music choice suggestions.

<http://www.facebook.com/zumbawithcassandra>.

Martial Arts Programs at Epping Recreation and EES (offered by Derry ATA)

Karate Classes

Grades K - 8, Mondays and Thursdays at EES, 3:30 - 4:15 pm, \$65 per month

*SPECIAL: New students who sign up will receive TWO FREE WEEKS!

For more information or to sign your child up, please contact Mrs. DeNapoli at 434-9444 or e-mail at dcdenapoli1023@gmail.com.

Friends of Epping Group Merges into Epping Recreation Commission.

As a result of a grassroots group called Friends of Epping, which was started about 3 years ago, the Epping Recreation Commission has made some significant changes!!

The Friends of Epping began as a group of Epping Community members, started by Epping resident, Andrea Loving. Her vision and the group's mission was to build a town park. The group presented their goals to the Board of Selectmen and the board was in support of the group's goals. Friends of Epping was given the signoff to begin formal investigation of the existing town land that could be developed into park space. However, this group's impact quickly grew into something more than just creating a town park. The group began running community events, starting with a very successful Tons of Truck event in 2010, which raised enough money to refurbish the existing basketball court at the SAU building (i.e., the old Central School). The volunteer group continued to look into existing town land and existing spaces where a park could be built. A few parcels in particular stood out, including land around Hoar Pond, the SAU building property, Fox Run Park and Mary Blair Park. In parallel, more events followed including an annual pumpkin stroll and an annual holiday party. In 2011, the town's existing Recreation Department Director, Seth Hickey, left us to go to the Stratham Recreation Department and that is where changes within the Department and Commission initially began.

Friends of Epping inspired many of its members including the Recreation Director, *Nicole Bizzaro*, the Recreation Commission Chair, *Kim Milliken*, the Vice Chair, *Candace Schmitz*, and the Secretary, *Kati Leombruno*, to take on the roles they have now – to ensure that the goals of the Friends of Epping become goals of the town. The Friends of Epping's goals now have been absorbed into the Commission and Department. It shows that one

person's ideas and actions can make a difference. Thanks, Andrea, for inspiring us all to get up and do something to make our town a better place to live!

Here are some accomplishments within the Recreation Department and Commission that were a direct outcome of the vision the Friends of Epping group had for our community:

Epping Parks & Recreation's New Name.

The Recreation Department and Recreation Commission have expanded their focus to include not only Recreation, but also Parks. We are now the **Epping Parks & Recreation Department & Epping Parks & Recreation Commission!** We will be working closely with the Conservation Commission in 2013, to clarify how this change impacts the two Commissions and will work to establish policies around what can be expected from each of the groups in the future.

Fox Run Park. This forgotten hidden jewel which was donated to the town many years ago was an overgrown mess! We have revitalized this green space located on High Road as a result of two corporate volunteer days. This park is a lovely, quiet spot on a dirt road which offers a youth fishing pond, swings, seesaws, hopscotch, basketball court and an alphabet hiking trail. We hope to celebrate the reopening of this park sometime in 2013 with a grand opening celebration!

Mary Blair Park. This park, located off Route 27, is known for the town's annual canoe race and the two ball fields used by EYAA. This is our next project and it's already underway. We received a \$5000 grant from the *Lamprey River Advisory Committee* in 2012, to support a planning project to provide us the groundwork to get started. This grant provided us with enough funding to conduct some GIS mapping of the park along with a design for a natural playground to be installed. The commission has developed a master plan for the park to ensure it comes to completion. This project has also brought together the Epping Historical Society, the Conservation Commission and the Epping Youth Athletic Association and members of the former Friends of Epping group to form the Mary Blair Park Planning Committee. The Historical Society also received a \$5000 grant from the *Lamprey River Advisory Committee* for a trail company to map out a design for a trail that showcases the old mill archeological sites along the river, along with a perimeter trail around the park. The perimeter trail will be a fitness trail designed for use by all ages.

Epping Parks & Recreation will continue to work with these groups and oversee the overall project to build the trails and add a natural playground at the park!

For more information, please contact us at EppingRecCommission@gmail.com.

The Porch

We are a not-for-profit organization.* Our goal is to demonstrate the unconditional love of God to our community by building relationships, meeting physical and financial needs, and sharing the Gospel of Jesus that transforms lives.

Epping Lighthouse will benefit the community in numerous ways, including:

- Running a youth center for teenagers

- Running a children's after-school program

- Giving financially to families who are in need

- Providing free family counseling

- Organizing various programs for teenagers to service others

*We are currently waiting on the IRS to give us our final paperwork.

Kids Club

Our kids club is for kids in grades 1-5.

We will provide free pick up from EES, and provide snacks and drinks at no charge.

We have a structured time of singing, Bible Time and Game Time.

The club starts at 3:15 and goes until 5:00 pm.

Teen Central

Our Teen Central is geared for grades 6-12.

We offer pool, ping-pong, air hockey, and foosball.

We also have computers, a TV, board games and provide snacks and drinks at no charge.

Teen Central opens at 2:30 pm and goes until 4:30 pm

We provide classes and other events throughout the year as well.

We require all of our workers to complete a background check.

If you are interested, please check us out at www.eppinglighthouse.org or you can e-mail us at eppinglighthouse@hotmail.com to request a form for more information!

We are currently accepting applications for volunteers to work at our Kids Club and Teen Central

Families First

support for families...health care for all

FAMILY MORNING OUT

Thursdays, 9:30 - 11 am. Free

In Exeter at Exeter Parks & Recreation, 32 Court Street in Exeter.

The Family Morning Out Program is no longer being held in Epping because the Epping Rec Center is closed and another location in Epping could not be found.

Family Morning Out is for children ages birth to six, with parents or other caregivers. During the first 45 minutes, children and parents together will explore age-appropriate crafts and other activities, have positive play with peers and adults, and enjoy songs, stories and snacks. In the second 45 minutes, children have fun with our child-care staff, while parents relax and have the opportunity to talk about life with kids. Facilitator: Jodi Foster

There is no charge, but advance sign up is required: call Families First at 422-8208, ext. 2.

Epping residents also are welcome to take advantage of the many parenting and family programs, as well as affordable medical and dental care, offered at Families First's facility at the Community Campus in Portsmouth. For more information about the community health center, visit www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org/oneonone.html or call 422-8208.

This program is made possible with support from the Walmart Distribution Center in Raymond.

NEED SUPPORT AT HOME?

Families First offers a free program in which a family worker will meet with you on an ongoing basis -- in your home or at another convenient location -- to help you identify needs, access services, and learn skills to reduce stress and improve family life.

Family workers can help with:

- a. meeting your family's basic needs (housing, transportation, utilities, food, etc.).
- b. improving your parenting skills and building strong parent/child relationships.
- c. parenting a child who has a chronic illness (advocating for your child, accessing resources, navigating systems such as schools, insurance companies and medical providers).

For more information, call 422-8208, ext. 314 or visit www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org/oneonone.html



Epping School District News

This school year we will have a similar school calendar to last year's. There will be no early release days and professional development training days for staff members have been scheduled on days prior to long holiday weekends. Please visit www.sau14.org for the 2012 - 2013 School Calendar.

School Board Meeting Schedule

The Epping School Board holds regular meetings at 7:00 pm in the Epping Town Hall. The public is invited to attend. Meetings are also televised by ETV. Agendas and minutes are posted on the district website at www.sau14.org under School Board/Agenda & Minutes. Epping Television is also streaming meetings that you can watch live anywhere on your computer at: <http://etv.22.pegcentral.com>

March 7th and 21st

April 4th and 18th

Epping Elementary School (EES)

Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The Epping Elementary PTO will hold their fourth annual Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday, March 23rd**, from 8:30-10:30 am at the Epping Elementary School to raise money for student enrichment programs. The menu consists of pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee and the breakfast will be served by parents and student volunteers. Everyone is invited to please come and enjoy a tasty breakfast while supporting a good cause. This fun family event also includes free face painting, coloring and crafts.

The cost of the breakfast is \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for seniors and children 12 and under. Photographs with the Easter Bunny will be \$2.00.

Epping Recreation Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny will be making his way to Epping on **March 23rd**, and needs help finding his lost eggs. The Epping Recreation Department invites Epping children to come to the Epping Elementary School field from 10:30 to 11:30 am and participate in the free Easter egg hunt. Turn in your eggs for candy and prizes!

EES School Calendar

Feb. 25-March 1 – NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

Mar. 4 – Classes resume

Mar. 4 – PTO meeting 7:00 pm in the EES Art Room. Free babysitting in the Library

Mar. 4-6 – Artist in Residence, Mark Ragonese

Mar. 7 – Newmarket Hot Shots Assembly at 1:00 pm Kick-off Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser

Mar.8 – Child Find Clinic

Mar. 11 –Marvelous Marvin & the Magic of Science

Mar. 12 – **NO SCHOOL – Election Day and Teacher Professional Development Day**

Mar. 15 – Grade 2 Field Trip to the NE Aquarium

Mar. 23 – PTO Pancake Breakfast and Easter Bunny pictures and Easter Egg Hunt

Mar. 25-27 – Artist in Residence, Mark Ragonese

Mar. 27 – “Music in Our Schools Concert 6:30 pm

Apr. 1 – PTO meeting 7:00 pm in the EES Art Room. Free babysitting in the Library

Apr. 1-3 – Artist in Residence, Mark Ragonese

Apr. 4 – Potluck supper at 6 pm – Culminating event of Artist in Residence Program

Apr. 8 – **NO SCHOOL – Conference and Teacher Professional Development Day**

Apr. 12 – Kindergarten Screening at the Preschool

Apr. 22-26 – **NO SCHOOL – Spring Vacation**

Submitted by Cheryl A. MacLeay

Epping Middle School (EMS)

Pride Assembly

Epping Middle School held the Pride Assembly for Guiding Principles #5 and #6 on February 13, 2103. Those receiving certificates for Guiding Principle #5, “Be truthful; communicate honestly,” were: Sabrina Patterson from the Dartmouth Team (8); Riley Brissette from the Harvard Team (7); Gracia Jordan from the Yale Team (6); and Gage Gaudreau from the Unified Arts Team. Those receiving certificates for Guiding Principle #6, “Be respectful and accountable for your choices,” were: A.J. Johnson from the Dartmouth Team (8); Samantha Prince from the Harvard Team (7); Colin Farris from the Yale Team (6); and Abby Simard from the Unified Arts Team. Congratulations to all for a job well done.

“Nice Moves” were also recognized at the Pride Assembly for those students who did “Nice Moves” for classmates, teachers, or staff. Students are given tickets when they are observed doing something special and names are randomly drawn from those tickets. Those receiving free ice creams or free snacks are: Caitryn Bushor, Rylee Chevalier, Haley Croteau, Amber George, Adam

LePage, Luke Marchisio, and Allison Nee. Congratulations to all!

A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Tyler Wilkins for his Grade 8 Civil War Enrichment program that he presented to the 8th grade. Thank you Tyler; we really enjoyed it.

National Junior Honor Society to Induct Nine

The Sapere Aude Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will induct nine new members on March 15, 2013. Students were selected after their applications were carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council (the EMS Building Leadership Team). Induction is based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The induction will take place in the EMS Howard F. Allen Gymnasium at 8:00 am at an all-school assembly. Inductees and current members will invite guests as well. A continental breakfast reception will follow for members and guests.

New members are: Keelin Berger, Evelyn Carleton, Emma Coolidge, Stephanie DiFrancesco, Maylee Gagnon, Morgan Lambert, Rebecca Milbury, Sabrina Patterson, and Katie Pelletier. Current members are: Madeline Bentz, Thomas Bullock, Emily Colban, Erin Daley, Emily Donovan, Sophie Jordan, Eliza Kucera, Mark Marasca, Brenna Osgood, and Sophia Randall,

Konrad Hodgman Wins Epping Middle School Geography Bee

Seventh grader Konrad Hodgman defeated Haskel Pim in the final round of the Epping Middle School Geography Bee held on January 16th. Konrad was able to correctly answer the question: “What South American capital city lies southwest of Lake Titicaca?” with his response of La Paz.

All middle school students competed in the preliminary round, and three finalists qualified from each grade. Finalists were: from the Dartmouth Team (grade 8): Connor Jackson, Nick Funai, and A.J. Johnson; from the Harvard team (grade 7): Kameron Martin, Konrad Hodgman, and Jake Bisailon; and from the Yale Team (grade 6): MacKenzie Newman, Haskel Pim, and Morgan Shanley.

Konrad will take a written test in hopes of qualifying for the State Geography Bee. If he qualifies, he will compete with others from around the State in hopes of representing New Hampshire at the National Bee in Washington, DC.

Scholastic Art Awards

Several Epping Middle School students received honors from the Scholastic Art Awards of New

Hampshire. Entries were submitted by teachers, Mrs. Thelma Thompson, Digital Arts; and Mrs. Debra Booth, Art.

Althea DeMarais won the school's only Gold Key for photography.

Silver awards went to: Erin Daley (photography), Maddie Bentz (drawing), Taylor Limoli (painting), Danielle McKay (2 for digital arts), Devyn Simard (sculpture relief), and Abby Smith (photography).

Honorable Mention was earned by: Daley (photography), Smith (3 for photography), Jacob McKay (sculpture), and Brenna Osgood (2 for painting and mixed media).

The students' work was on display at the 2013 New Hampshire Regional/State Exhibit at the Stockbridge Theater at Pinkerton Academy from January 22nd through February 2nd, 2013.

The Princess and the Pea

A favorite fairy tale came to the Epping Middle School stage on Friday, February 22nd, in a new musical adaptation of The Princess and the Pea. As a Prince came of age, his dotting parents told him it was time to marry a Princess. No Princess could be found locally, so the Prince went on a quest to find her. Finding no suitable Princesses on his quest, the Prince returned home. Then on a dark and stormy night, there was a knock at the door and a soaked stranger entered the castle and introduced herself as a Princess! The Queen didn't believe her and put her through a test to prove she was a true Princess and worthy of the Prince. Silliness and song carried the story to a happy ending for all.

The Princess and the Pea was a Children's Stage Adventures production presented by students from Epping Middle School. The show featured all original music including some pieces in the latest contemporary styles. It featured EMS students, talented performers who worked in intensive rehearsals conducted by the CSA actor/educators.

The Prince was played by Michael Rainford and Princess Wright by Caitryn Bushor. Carson Lustenberger appeared as the King. Maddie Bentz, Emily Donovan, Evelyn Carlton and Katie Pelletier appeared as featured Princesses. The Cooks, Wizards and Musicians were played by Ryan

O'Hare, Mark Marasca, Thomas Bullock, Jackson Rivers, and Ryan Donovan, Zac Oumansour, Ben Colban, Ricky, Pitkanen and Abigail Ball, Stephanie DiFrancesco, Cat Poulin and Emily Jackson. Eliza Kucera, Sophia Randall, Brenna Osgood, Emily Colban, Kate Moss, Sabrian Patterson, Nicole Dollard, Sophie Jordan, Addison Bickford and Evika Toth appeared as Ladies in Waiting. The Castle Folk were played by Aissa Zerguine, Jesse Priest, Maylee Gagnon, Emma Coolidge, Victoria Maestas, Ronnie Hacket, Haley Croteau, Kiana Pond, Gabby Hughes, Megan McFadden, Madison Downing, and Chris Langford. The Fireflies were played by Paige Perdue, Autumn Lanseigne, Riley Brissette, Garrett Hughes, Emily Richards, Shelby Prestridge, Gracia Jordan, Meghan Galante, Casey Needham, Anna Re and Megan Marasca.

Assistant Directors were Tryphena Porter, Lyndsee Moreau, Aletha DeMarais, Brendan Sacco, Timmothy Verb and Like Marchisio, The Accompanist was Adrienne Starrs.

The Children's Stage Adventures Actor/Educators Kyle Aarons and Nicole Jones were the Page and Queen respectively.

Proceeds from donations went to the Middle School Artist in Residence program.

Submitted by Bruce Christie

Email Address Changed?

If your email address has changed, please notify Barbara Helmstetter at: bhelmstetter@comcast.net.

Newsletter Schedule

Have we missed your group or event? Please let us know. Our purpose is to include as many Epping groups and events as possible.

The next issue (**May-June**) of this newsletter will be available **on May 1, 2013**. We will accept **submissions through April 25, 2013**, to be included in the next issue. Please send your content with contact information for consideration to our Newsletter website at: www.SpeakUpEpping.org or by e-mail to bhelmstetter@comcast.net.

Thanks for reading! - The Communications Group

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

Epping Calendar of Events for March 2013

Feb. 25-March 1	NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY RECESS
March 2	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 9 – 11 am
March 4	School classes resume
March 4	EES PTO Meeting – 7 pm in the EES Art Room
March 4 - 6	EES Artist in Residence with Mark Ragonese
March 6	Candidates' Night at the Town Hall – 7 pm
March 7	Epping School Board meeting – 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
March 8	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00 - 2:30 pm
March 8	Pajama Night at the Library – 6:30 pm for kids 2 – 8 “Wreck it, Ralph” (rated PG)
March 9	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 9 – 11 am
March 12	ELECTION DAY – Voting from 8 am to 7 pm in the EMS gym
March 12	NO SCHOOL - ELECTION AND TEACHER DEVELOPMENT DAY
March 12	Friends of the Library – 7 pm
March 13	Eclectic Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
March 13	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
March 14	Epping Seniors meet at the Epping Safety Complex Fire Station at 1:00 pm
March 15	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting – 7:15 pm in Epping Town Hall
March 15	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00 – 2:30 pm
March 15 - 24	“The Man Who Came To Dinner” at the Leddy Center
March 16	Epping Community Church Dinner – 5 to 7 pm “Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner”
March 16	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 9 – 11 am
March 16	5K EYAA Race
March 16	Cub Scout Pinewood Derby in EES Gym – 9 am
March 19	Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm
March 20	Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
March 20	Cub Scout Pack Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the Epping Middle School Café
March 21	Epping School Board meeting – 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
March 23	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 9 – 11 am
March 23	EES PTO Pancake Breakfast 8:30 – 10:30 am
March 23	Easter Egg Hunt at the Elementary School – 10:30 – 11:30 am
March 25 – 27	EES Artist in Residence with Mark Ragonese
March 26	Epping Lions Club meeting at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125 – 6:30 pm
March 27	EES Music In Our Schools Concert – 6:30 pm
March 27	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
March 28	“The Fiddle Contest in NH and New England” with Adam Boyce at the Library
March 30	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 9 – 11 am

Epping Calendar of Events for April 2013

Date	Event
April 1	EES PTO Meeting –7 pm in the EES Art Room
April 1 – 3	EES Artist in Residence with Mark Ragonese
April 4	EES Artist in Residence Potluck Dinner – 6 pm
April 4	Epping School Board meeting – 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
April 6	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 9 – 11 am
April 6 - 7	Construction of new building entrance at the Historical Society
April 8	NO SCHOOL – CONFERENCE AND TEACHER DEVELOPMENT DAY
April 9	Friends of the Library – 7 pm
April 10	Eclectic Book Group at the Library – 7 pm
April 10	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
April 11	Epping Seniors meet at the Epping Safety Complex Fire Station at 1:00 pm
April 12	Pajama Night at the Library – 6:30 pm for kids 2 to 8 – Story Explorers Story Play
April 12	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00 –2:30 pm
April 13	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 9 – 11 am
April 16	Library Board of Trustees Meeting – 7:15 pm
April 17	Dusty Old Mystery Book Group at the Library –7 pm
April 17	Cub Scout Pack Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the Epping Middle School Café
April 18	Epping School Board meeting – 7 pm in Epping Town Hall
April 19	Civil War Roundtable of NH meeting – 7:15 pm in Epping Town Hall
April 19	Epping Bible Baptist Church Food Pantry – 1:00 – 2:30 pm
April 20	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 9 – 11 am
April 20	Epping Community Church Dinner – 5 to 7 pm “Roast Turkey Dinner”
April 20 – 21	Cub Scout Spring Campout at Camp Carpenter
April 22 - 26	NO SCHOOL - SPRING VACATION
April 22 - 26	School Vacation Week Movie Series at the Library – 1 pm
April 23	Epping Lions Club meeting at the Epping Edward Jones office on Route 125 – 6:30 pm
April 24	Knit Night at the Library – 7 pm
April 25	DEADLINE DATE for the May-June issue of the Newsletter
April 25	Historical Society program –Sally Mummey as Mary Todd Lincoln – 7 pm
April 27	Epping Community Church Food Pantry and Coats of Caring – 9 – 11 am

If you would like your next event to appear on the Calendar of Events, please send us an e-mail at speakupepping@gmail.com by **April 25, 2013**. Please include the date, event name, location and time.